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FROM: REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJ: SALES OPPORTUNITY FOR FISHING BOATS IN SOMALIA

1. REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE (RFA) MET FREEMAN COMPTON, PROJECT MANAGER (UNDP), FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, P.O. BOX 24, MOGADISCIO, AT INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING IN MOMBASA.

2. COMPTON INFORMED RFA SOMALIA PLANS RESETTLE 78,000 PEOPLE IN COASTAL AREAS; 15,600 ARE TO BE TRAINED IN FISHERIES IN 8 AREAS (3 IN NORTH AND 5 IN EAST)M

3. FIRST PHASE, UNDERWAY, INVOLVES 5,000 FISHERMEN. SOMALIA NOW ACTIVELY SEEKING PURCHASE OF 1,250 BOATS. SECOND PHASE WILL INVOLVE 10,600 FISHERMEN AND WILL RESULT IN PURCHASE OR CONSTRUCTION OF 2,500 BOATS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.

4. BOATS UNDER CONSIDERATION RANGE FROM 7 METER CANOE-TYPE FIBERGLASS VESSEL TO 9 METER INSHORE TUNA VESSEL. LARGER VESSELS ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCLION.

5. MASTER BOATBUILDER NIEL PARMENTIER FROM SEATTLE, IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NOW IN KENYA EXAMINING POSSIBLE PURCHASE 1,000

FIBERGLASS CANOES FROM KENYA, SWEDEN AND SRI LANKA
REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING TO BUILD FACTORIES IN SOMALIA TO
PRODUCE VESSELS.

6. FUNDING REPORTEDLY INCLUDES US\$32 MILLION IN USSR
AID, \$8 MILLION IN WORLD BANK FUNDS, AND \$24 MILLION IN
ARAB FUND MONIES.

7. RFA DISCUSSED WITH CGMPTON POSSIBILITY OF SALES
OF US VESSELS. SALES PROSPECTS BELIEVED GOOD IF VESSEL
CAN OPERATE IN SHALLOW CGASTAL ZONE IN ROUGH SEAS. VESSEL
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MUST BE EASY. OUTBOARD MOTORS
NOT ACCEPTABLE. AS NOTED, FIBERGLASS CONSTRUCTION IS SOUGHT.

8 NMFS MAY WISH CONTACT BRUNO AND STILLMAN, OLD DOVER
ROAD, NEWINGTON, NH 03801 ASAP REGARDING POSSIBLE SALES
OF THEIR 35 FOOT CRAFT WHICH COMPTON INDICATES MIGHT PROVE
COMPETITIVE.

9. RFA SUSSGEST LIMITED DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION
TO FIRMS KNOWN TO BUILD QUALITY WORKBOATS IN THE 25 TO 35
FOOT RANGE. NMFS MAY WISH TO CONSULT FIRST WITH DEPARTMENT
IF PUBLICATION IS DEEMED NECESSARY.

10. FOR MOGADISCIO: DUE TRAVEL STATUS RFA UNAWARE OF
EMBASSY REPORTING THIS SUBJECT. RFA REGRETS ANY DUPLICATION.
RFA WOULD APPRECIATE INFO COPY ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.
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